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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An apparatus for determining the fitness of a bank note by sensing the bank note transported along a transport path by a transport device. The apparatus includes a plurality of identical sensor and illumination units positioned along each side of the transport path whereby the sensor and illumination units are focused at a single predetermined section of the transport path.

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